

In Sydney with a portion of the marine monster on board. The statement of the supercargo, A. H. Bell, is as follows: "When we called at Suwarrow Island, on our way back to Sydney, the natives told us that a big animal had been washed ashore. We proceeded along the beach toward the spot indicated, and our nostrils were soon assailed by a horrible stench. After perils by sea and worse perils from the poisoned air, we got close to the gigantic animal. We secured as much of it as we could, and we have now on board the first sea serpent ever brought to Australia or anywhere else." The Captain corroborates this story, saying that the animal was some ribs two and a half feet thick and the spine four inches in diameter. He saw the jaws of two large sharks, the extremity of the lower jaw, and the flippers. The monster had flappers like a fish, and he was washed ashore. He replied to the question whether he could bring more of the animal was that the natives said it was too long to carry, and that the natives would be bringing the same monster to the Sydney collectors before recovery." The fact has aroused so much interest in Sydney that the Sydney Morning Herald has published that the captain of the *Forster* agreed to call again at Suwarrow Island to get more of the animal. The fragments of the sea serpent, or whatever else this uncanny Leviathan of the tropics may have been.